Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 20 Aug 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 21 Aug 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 19 Aug 2021 at 16:14 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly dry conditions on Friday, but low confidence for extent of low cloud. High for unsettled weather over the weekend but low for extent and duration of rain. High for improving conditions early next week.

Headline for Friday 20 Aug 2021: Mainly dry and cloudy on Friday, rain developing by evening

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 20 Aug 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	<05%	00%	00%	20%	40%

Forecast for Friday 20 Aug 2021

Weather: Most of the day will be dry, however outbreaks of rain will reach Skye and Lochaber by early evening and extend northeast to most remaining areas through the evening. A lot of cloud is expected through the day although some brighter breaks occurring from time to time in the south of the area.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Poor in low cloud down to 600 metres across Caithness, Sutherland away from the west coast, and down into Easter Ross. This is likely to linger all day. Elsewhere, along the west coast and Lochaber less in the way of low cloud but some patches still covering the higher summits.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	13/17 SE	13/16 SE	15/19 SE	14/18 SE	12/16 SE	14/19 SE	19/25 E	23/29 E	25/31 SE
900	13/17 SE	13/16 SE	15/20 SE	13/17 SE	12/16 SE	14/19 SE	19/25 E	22/28 E	22/27 SE
600	11/16 SE	11/14 SE	11/16 SE	11/15 SE	10/14 SE	12/17 SE	15/21 E	18/25 E	16/22 SE
300	7/13 E	5/11 E	7/13 E	6/13 SE	5/13 SE	6/15 E	7/19 E	6/21 E	3/15 E
Glen	8/11 E	7/10 E	8/12 E	9/12 E	7/11 SE	7/13 SE	11/19 E	13/20 E	9/16 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/3	6/3	6/2	7/3	9/6	10/7	10/6	10/6	10/6
900	7/4	7/4	7/3	8/4	10/7	11/8	10/7	10/7	11/7
600	10/7	10/7	9/7	10/8	12/10	14/12	13/11	13/10	13/10
300	11/10	11/10	11/9	13/12	15/14	16/16	16/15	14/13	14/13
Glen	14/12	13/12	13/12	16/15	18/17	20/19	18/17	17/15	16/15
Freezing Level*	2300m	2300m	2400m	2500m	2700m	2900m	3200m	3300m	3200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A freshening southeasterly wind will lead to sheltered west coast ranges seeing the best of the cloud breaks.

Forecast for Saturday 21 Aug 2021
Weather: Low confidence for detail. Expected to be cloudy with rain at times, occasionally heavy. Some drier spells of weather mixed in too.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 20 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Poor in widespread low cloud down to 700 meters, the west coast will afford some shelter with the best of any cloud breaks expected here.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 rising to 17 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 12 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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